SWANNINGTON WITH ALDERFORD AND LITTLE WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held at St Margaret's Church, Swannington on Thursday 8th February 2016 at 7:30pm

Present: Tim Praill - Chairman Trevor Nelson Helen Mutimer Steve Williams	Malcolm Rust Ed Jones Steve Griggs
	PSCO Stephen Bridges for item 4

Action

1 Apologies
Hazel Nelson - unwell

2 Declarations of interests
None

3 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2016
It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record

4 Police Report
- One crime reported: theft of c.500 small trees
- Current local priorities are: burglary dwelling /burglary non-dwelling; theft of lead from churches.

Councillors asked that the following also be addressed
- Hare coursing: one instance lately
- HGVs using weight-restricted Hall Road Alderford.

5 Matters arising
- Bus Shelter   SG

Repairs planned for next month

- Village sign   SG

On-going

- Grant for improvement of bus shelter site   TP

Applied for 9/12/16. Result not due until next financial year

- Oak/ Horse chestnut tree   SG

Oak planted and chestnut to be felled and bore-ground out in next two months. Wood to be cut and left available for villagers to take for firewood.

- Station Road Housing   MR

It was reported that the housing association that had applied for planning permission was trying to sell the sign on to another. Concerns expressed that fly-tipping has started and PSCO Bridges asked to keep an eye on this. Concern expressed that tenants had been moved out unnecessarily.

Item 5
- Precept requirement sent to BDC 10/12/16

6   Finance
1. Following payments agreed   £
- Strimming of commons footpaths and green - retrospective 349.21
- Safety Test parish tea urn – retrospective   18.00
- Oak tree – retrospective   125.00
- Scrub clearance Upgate Common – HLS (retrospective)   390.00
- The Conservation Volunteers Alderford – HLS (retrospective)   19.48
- Norfolk Conservation corps –HLS (retrospective)   41.25

2. Donations   114.00

3. Honoraria – clerking for 2 years   200.00

Agreed to transfer of £9,300 from the commons to the current account to re-pay payments made in respect of the Commons from the current account.

7   Commons
Report agreed.
Placing of sheep to graze in Alderford Commons in April to be organised.

8   Highways
Flooding of Hall Road/ Reepham Road junction due to broken drain in middle of Reepham Road reported back to Highways by staff that came to suction drain.

Highways to be made aware of continuing deterioration of road surfaces on Springwell Lane Alderford and Church Lane Swannington.

9   Play area
Funds to be used for replacing play equipment still being sought by donation from parishioners. Leaflet drop planned.

Paperwork to transfer the ownership of the play area to the Parish Council completed and awaiting agreement of this by the current owners.

10   Planning
Two barn conversion applications in Alderford approved.

Hornsea Project cable laying plans to be shown in consultation display at Reepham Town Hall on 7 March at 15.00 – 19.00. Reported that cable likely to go through Alderford.

11   Transparency Code
Agreed to purchase laptop with software and scanner with external funds that could be applied for.

12   Correspondence
- Prospective county councillor candidate had asked to attend a Parish Council meeting. As a member of the public this was agreed but no speaking rights.

- Superfast Broadband roll-out – Chris Liles had produced a report for the council advising that Upgate was now on the Broadband Delivery UK Programme roll-out plans but Hengrave, Reepham Road/ Felthorpe Road (near Attlebridge) and Little Witchingham were not. Community funding of c. £50,000 would need to be obtained by each of these three areas: this was not likely.

13 Any other business
None.

14 Date and time of next meeting
Wednesday 3 May 2017, at 19.30 in Swannington Church. This would also be the AGM.